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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended Twice) [With] For use with a ball valve assembly having: a valve body including an inlet face with a mounting flange and an inlet, and an outlet face with a mounting flange and an outlet, and a passageway therethrough from the inlet to the outlet, and a valve ball in the passageway and operable to close the passageway thereby dividing the passageway into an inlet passageway and an outlet passageway, and first and second seals engaging the valve ball at the outlet passageway and the inlet passageway,